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Compartmentation Subcommittee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT: Recommended Revision of DCID 1/14,

Subject: Uniform Personnel Security
Standards and Practices Governing Access
to Sensitive Compartmented Information

REFERENCE: SECOM-M-165, Item 6

1. At the 19 November 1974 meeting of the Security Committee, you requested that the Compartmentation Subcommittee undertake revision of Subject directive. Attached is a recommended version agreed to by all Subcommittee members with one exception:

The NSA disagrees with paragraph 12 as stated, and the NSA preferred wording is reflected in a footnote which appears on the same page.

2. Representatives of the Office Secretary of Defense (Defense Investigative Program Office and OSD/Security Policy) participated in the preparation of the attached suggested directive. It was their suggestion at the outset of the deliberations, and it is still their suggestion as of now, that a revised DCID 1/14 should not be promulgated as of this time. They advise that several recent studies have been conducted related to the personnel security investigative and adjudicative processes, and they cite the following two pending matters as having a direct bearing on the contents of the instant directive:

- a. The Domestic Council Committee on Right of Privacy (Project 10) has recently published a report of its findings and recommendations related to the overall U.S. government personnel security investigative and adjudicative processes. As a result of this report, an effort will undoubtedly be initiated to publish a new Executive Order to replace the existing E.O. 10450, which was promulgated in an era when controlling conditions and legislation were somewhat different than those of today. The OSD representatives advise that a new Executive Order could be promulgated as early as 90 days.

- b. The DOD Personnel Security Working Group began deliberations in September 1973. Although it was originally chartered to examine the feasibility of centralizing the personnel security adjudication process (a recommendation of the Domestic Council group) within the DOD, it has since engaged in extensive survey of the relative demonstrated value of the several increments of the personnel security background investigation -- the specific initiative being the increased costs of conducting background investigations in an era of diminishing resources. The target date for the completion of their report, to include recommendations for the Secretary's approval, is 13 April 1975.

3. It is the recommendation of the Subcommittee (State dissenting*) that the attached revised DCID 1/14 be approved and promulgated as soon as possible. It is perhaps noteworthy that the DCI -- and therefore the intelligence community as a separate entity -- was not represented during the deliberations of either of the two groups described above. In the opinion of the Subcommittee, early approval and promulgation of this directive represents the only avenue of approach available to the DCI to exert his influence on deliberations which effect in part his statutory responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. Indeed, the deliberations of this Subcommittee have already provided a more viable basis for dialogue between elements of the OSD concerned with security policy and the security organizations under the several DOD Senior Intelligence Officers.

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*State believes that more consideration should be given to the other studies under way and to the possibility that the findings might warrant further changes in the attached revision of DCID 1/14. If such further consideration concluded either that the impact would not be significant or that the results would not be available within a few months, State would agree that the attached revision should be approved and promulgated.

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